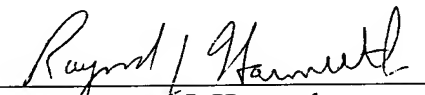


REMARKS

Claims 1-10 were originally filed in this case. Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment Claim 9 will be cancelled and Claims 1-8 and 10 will be pending. These amendments are made to place the claims in conformance with U.S. patent practice. These amendments are not in derogation of any prior art, and Applicant respectfully asserts that it is entitled to the claims as amended and any equivalents thereof.

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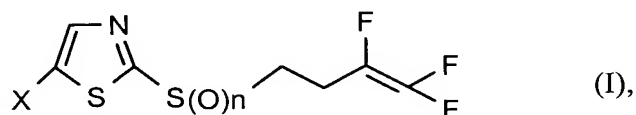
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 9.

Please amend Claims 1-8 and 10 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A ~~C~~ompounds of the ~~f~~Formula (I)



wherein

X represents halogen, and

n represents 0, 1 or 2.

2. (Once Amended) A ~~C~~ompounds of the ~~f~~Formula (I) according to ~~e~~Claim 1, wherein

X represents fluoro, chloro or bromo, and

n represents 0 or 2.

3. (Once Amended) A ~~C~~ompounds of the ~~f~~Formula (I) according to ~~e~~Claim 1 ~~or claim~~ 2, wherein

X represents chloro or bromo, and

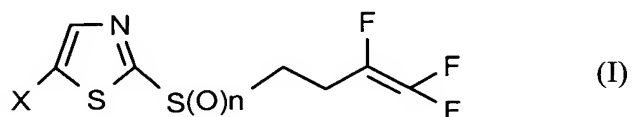
n represents 2.

4. (Once Amended) A ~~C~~ompounds of the ~~f~~Formula (I) according to ~~e~~Claims 1 ~~to 3~~,

wherein

X represents chloro.

5. (Once Amended) A ~~P~~rocess for preparing a compounds of the ~~f~~Formula (I)



wherein

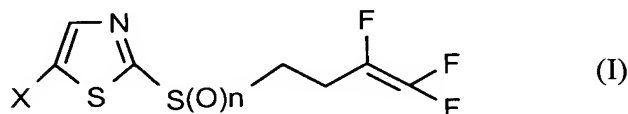
X is as defined in one of ~~e~~Claims 1 to 4, and

n represents 0,

~~characterized in that~~ comprising the step of:

reacting 2-(3,4,4-trifluoro-3-butenylthio)thiazole ~~is reacted~~ with a halogenating agent, ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of an inert solvents.

6. (Once Amended) A ~~P~~rocess for preparing a compounds of the ~~f~~Formula (I)

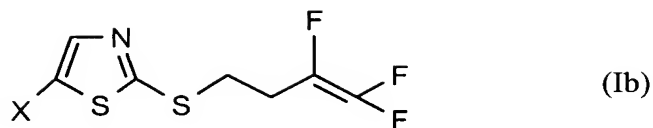


wherein

n represents 1 or 2, and

X is as defined in one of ~~e~~Claims 1 to 4, ~~characterized in that~~ comprising the step of:

reacting a compounds of the ~~f~~Formula (Ib)



wherein

X is as defined in one of eClaims 1 to 4,

~~are reacted~~ with an oxidizing agent, ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of an inert solvents.

7. (Once Amended) A Nematicidal compositions, characterized in that they contain comprising at least one compound of the fFormula (I) according to one of eClaims 1 to 4.
8. (Once Amended) A method of combating nematodes, ~~characterized in that comprising the step of allowing an effective amount of a~~ compounds of the fFormula (I) according to one of eClaims 1 to 4 are allowed to act on a member selected from the group consisting of nematodes, and/or their a habitat of said nematodes and combinations thereof.
10. (Once Amended) A Pprocess for preparing a nematicidal compositions, characterized in that the comprising the step of mixing a compounds of the fFormula (I) according to one of eClaims 1 to 4 are mixed with a member selected from the group consisting of an extenders and/or a surface active agents and combinations thereof.